

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 19, lines 5 to 17 as follows:

At step 238, modeling module 18 may receive a user request to assign a hierarchy of connectors to a connection. If modeling module 18 receives a request to assign connectors at step 238, modeling module 18 determines whether the connectors are valid for a subordinate level of the connection at ~~step 246~~ step 240. The connectors may be invalid if the connection does not include a subordinate level for the connection or if the connectors would exceed the maximum number of connectors for the subordinate level. If the connectors are not valid for the connection, modeling module 18 informs the users that the connectors are not valid for the subordinate level of connection at step 242, and the method returns to step 210. Otherwise, modeling module 18 assigns the connectors to the connection at step 244. Modeling module also receives and stores attributes for the connectors at step 246. Modeling module 18 may receive attributes, such as a name or description from the user, or receive attributes, such as connector properties, from configuration data 16.